

ABSTRACT
WA-II-268
Eakle's Mills
Keedysville Vicinity
private

18th Century

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Eakle's Mills

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Eakle's Mills, Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

Keedysville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☒ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Joseph C. Hall (Principal Property)

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

Keedysville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21756

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Washington County Court House

Liber #: 606

Folio #: 779

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Survey #1036

DATE

Summer 1967

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Eakle's Mill is located on Mt. Briar Road, south of Keedysville in Washington County, Maryland. The village includes a group of residences and a church which are centered near the site of a former grist mill. The mill was in operation during the 19th and possibly during the late 18th century.

At each end of the village is an 18th or early 19th century house, each one being part of a farm which descended through the Snively family from the late 18th century until 1932. The farm was known as the Snively farm and as Eakle's Mill. The house at the north end of the village is an 18th century log and stone structure described in form WA-II-278. The second house, located at the south end of Eakle's Mills is described here. It is a two and one half story, three bay stone dwelling with a two story, three bay ell or wing addition extending to the rear. The house is situated on sloping ground on the west side of Mt. Briar Road and faces east.

This dwelling is constructed of native limestone and displays flat arches with rough keystones above the window and door openings. Relatively small flat stones were used to form the walls which have been coated with layers of whitewash. Since the house is built into a slope, a full three stories are exposed at the front elevation. Windows and doors are relatively small in relation to wall area. Most openings are not vertically aligned with each other in the walls. They have massive frames with mortise and tenon joints secured with pegs. These windows and door frames are trimmed with quarter round molding. In the front section of the house most window sashes are replacements with two over two panes. Main story windows are longer than those at the upper level. Small windows light the attic and cellar. Narrower framing was used for openings in the addition. These windows have six over six pane sashes. Pintles in the window frames indicate that shutters were present at one time.

The main entrance is located in the central bay of the front elevation, offset toward the north end of the house. Above the door is a narrow transom. Another entrance opens into the cellar from the central area of the front elevation. A hipped roof porch extends across the main level of the front wall. It has Victorian trim with scroll cut brackets. Other entrances are located in the north and south elevations of the addition. Evidence remains of a two story porch at the south wall of the ell. The porch roof is now supported with two story square post.

Standing seam tin sheaths the roof which terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. Relatively small brick chimneys are located inside the gables. Another chimney rises from the interior of the ell just west of its center.

The site of the mill was across Mt. Briar Road, northeast of this house. Parts of the raceway remain.

All buildings in the village appear to be in good condition. The stone house stands on a tract containing 4.20 acres with the rest of the village spread over approximately 15 acres.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Eakle's Mill, site of a 19th and early 20th century grist mill is significant as a turn of the century village centered around an industry. The mill and land on which the village stands was owned by the Snively family from the 18th century until 1932. The two oldest buildings in the village made up the Snively farm. One of the houses, a log structure with a stone addition, is described in form WA-II-278. The other old house which shares significance with the first has been described in this form. Architecturally, its exterior appearance would suggest a construction date for the front section, during the late 18th or very early 19th century. The wing which is an addition as evidenced by variations in the masonry would appear to date from the 19th century. Built of native stone the house reflects early folk or vernacular construction of the lower Cumberland Valley.

The Snively family who owned the property for most of its history is of German origin. Records in Washington County do not indicate when Conrad Snively, the first member of the family to own property here settled in the Keedysville area. He was, however, a native of Germany who came to this country, first residing in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and then moving to Washington County, Maryland. Apparently at his death in 1804, Conrad Snively left most of his land to his son, Casper. Casper Snively had two sons, Jacob and John. Jacob lived on the farm, now Eakle's Mills where he kept a wagon stand and hotel in addition to a grist mill and saw mill. One of Jacob's daughters married Martin Eakle and possibly this connection resulted in the name Eakle's Mill. The property descended through the Snively family until 1932. It is not known which member of the family built this house or the log house located to the north.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

Washington County Probate Records.

Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.20 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

November 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

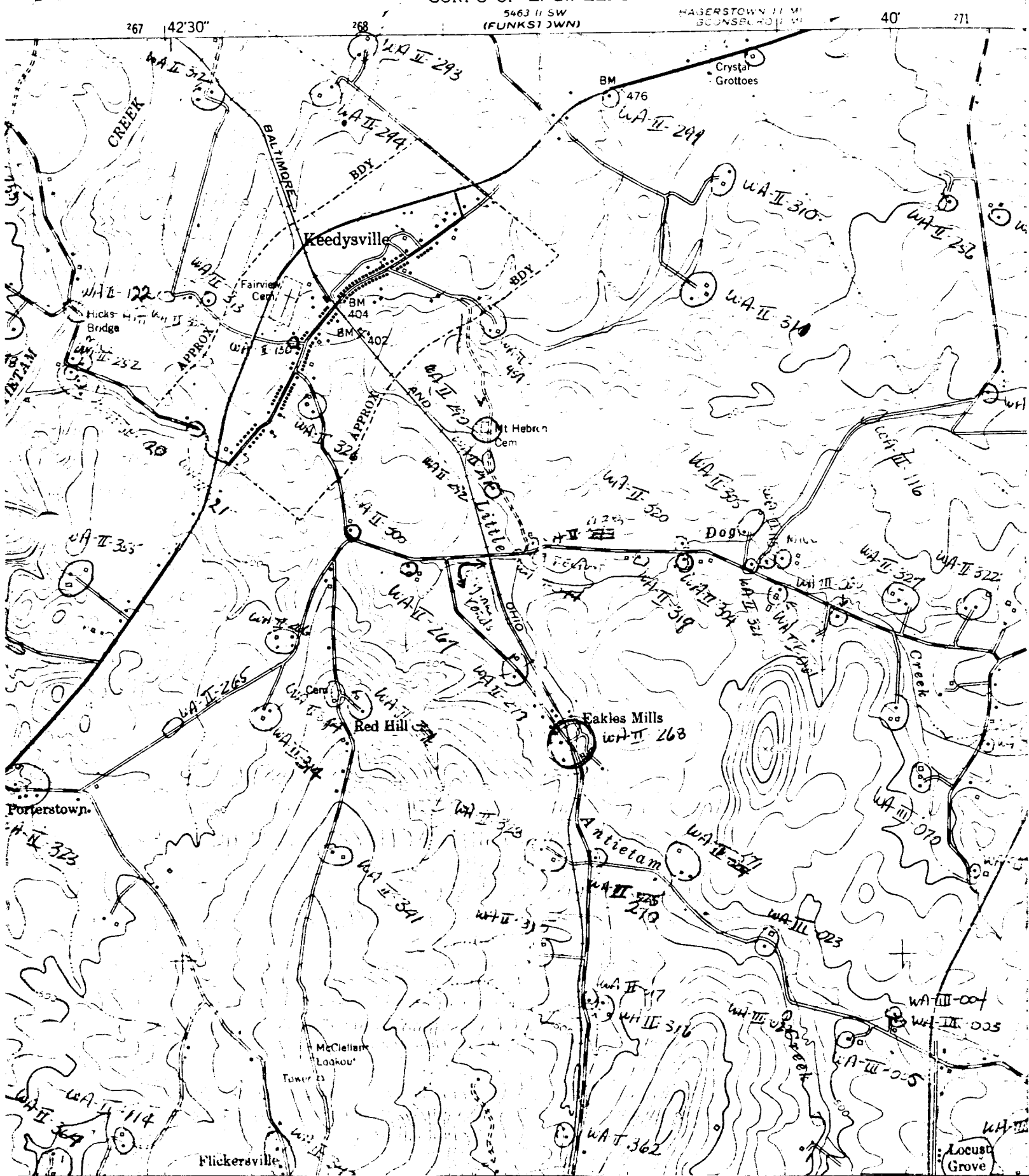
Maryland 21740

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S.E. View

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Eagle's mills

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N.E. view

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Eable's mills

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Eddie's mill

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